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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS, PINT, IC
SUBJECT: THE POLITICAL PARTY: SALVO ON INDENPENDENCE PARTY'S
RIGHT FLANK

1. ORGANIZATION WITH UNLIKELY NAME "THE POLITICAL PARTY" (SF)
ESTABLISHED EARLY IN WINTER. LARGELY MADE UP OF CONSERVATIVE
MEMBERS OF IP, NEW GROUP CLAIMS TO HAVE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL
HUNDRED PEOPLE. ADHERENTS TEND TO BE MIDDLE CLASS AND BETTER
EDUCATED ICELANDERS WHO FEEL THAT COUNTRY HAS DRIFTED SOME-
WHAT TO LEFT, EVEN UNDER LEADERSHIP OF IP. BASED ON PRIN-
CIPLES OF DEFUNCT GROUP CALLING ITSELF "STRONG GOVERN-
MENT", SF CALLS FOR GREATER DEMOCRACY THROUGH INSTITUTION
OF SINGLE MEMBER LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, SEPARATION OF THE
EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, AND TAX
REFORM. IT ALSO ARGUES IN FAVOR OF COMPENSATION FOR THE
PRESENCE OF THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (IDF).

2. WHILE SUPPORTING CONTINUED IDF PRESENCE, SF TAKES
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CLASSIC COMPENSATION STANCE THAT ICELANDIC TERRITORY
IS, IN EFFECT, ASSET THAT IS NOW BEING GIVEN OVER
FREELY WHEN IT SHOULD BE EARNING INCOME. JUST AS IT WAS
NOT DEGRADING TO ACCEPT POST-WAR MARSHALL AID, SF
MAINTAINS THAT ACCEPTING COMPENSATION IS NOT AN INSULT
TO ICELANDIC INDEPENDENCE. "PRIVILEGES" AFFORDED IDF
SUCH AS DUTY-FREE GOODS WOULD ALSO BE ENDED UNDER SF

PROPOSALS.

3. INDEPENDENTS ARE NOT NOTICEABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EMERGENCE OF THIS SPLINTER GROUP WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE MUCH OF A CHANCE TO ENTER ALTHING EVEN IF IT DECIDED TO PRESENT A CANDIDATE LIST. HOWEVER, SF DOES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO DRAIN ENOUGH VOTES FROM THE IP TO COST IT ONE OR TWO SEATS IN CONSTITUENCIES WHERE THE VOTES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLOSE. GREATER RDANGER FOR IP IS POSSIBILITY THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT PUBLICITY FOR SF'S PRO-COMPENSATION STANCE COULD REOPEN THE INTERNAL IP DEBATE ON THIS SUBJECT JUST PRIOR TO ELECTIONS.

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